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Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ESTERS OF (METH)ACRYLIC ACID

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2003 and the Election of Species Requirement set forth therein, Applicants note the following:

- Regarding paragraph 1 of the outstanding Office Action, Applicants elect 3-ethyl-3-hydroxymethyl-oxetane.
- Regarding paragraph 2 of the outstanding Office Action, Applicants elect glycidyl methacrylate (*See, e.g.*, page 12, lines 23-24, of the specification).
- Regarding paragraph 3 of the outstanding Office Action, Applicants elect an ester of (meth)acrylic acid prepared by reacting:
2-butyl-2-ethyl-1,3-propane diol;
isophthalic acid; and
acrylic acid.
(*See, e.g.*, polyester acrylate I on page 25, lines 1-2, of the specification).
- Regarding paragraph 4 of the outstanding Office Action, Applicants elect para-toluene sulfonic acid.

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All claims 1-25 read on the elected species.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is courteously solicited. However, if any questions remain, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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